

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Allowance mailed March 13, 2008, and thanks the Examiner for favorable consideration of the present application. However, before issuing as a patent, Applicant requests that the format of the claim language be amended as illustrated in the above listing of claims.

More specifically, Claims 1, 10, and 19-28 have been amended. Claims 1 and 10 include minor changes to the formats of their respective preambles, Claims 14 and 15 have been changed to remove an extraneous space, and Claims 19-28 have been changed to be directed to an apparatus. Claims 19-28 have also been amended to recite structure of the apparatus. Support for the changes to Claims 19-28 may be found in the Specification, for example, in Figs. 3 and 4 and in the discussion thereof at page 6, line 23 through page 13, line 17. These changes were not made for any reasons related to the asserted reference and are not believed to alter the scope of the allowed claims. The amended claims are therefore believed to be patentable over the asserted reference for the same reasons that original Claims 1-28 were found to be patentable.

Also, new Claims 29-36 have been added. These claims largely correspond to the original claims: new Claims 29 and 32 (original Claim 19), new Claims 30 and 34 (original Claim 22), new Claim 31 (original Claim 25), new Claim 33 (original Claim 20), new Claim 35 (original Claim 27), and new Claim 36 (original Claim 28). Therefore these claims do not introduce new matter. New Claims 29-36 are also believed to be patentable over the asserted reference for the same reasons that original Claims 19-28 were found to be patentable.

Since the changes to the claims are not believed to affect the scope of the allowed claims, each of the now-pending claims is believed to be patentable. Applicant accordingly requests that the allowance of the application be maintained and a new Notice of Allowance be issued.

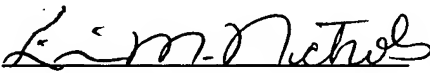
Authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3581 (KOLS.153US) any necessary fees for this filing.

If the Examiner believes it necessary or helpful, the undersigned attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss any issues related to this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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